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## **THREE KENTUCKY PRINCIPALS ARE 2012 MSIP INTERNS**

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – Three Kentucky principals will participate in the Minority Superintendent Internship Program (MSIP), an initiative designed to identify and train a pool of highly-qualified and highly-effective ethnic minority superintendent candidates for Kentucky's school districts.

After a rigorous application and interview process, the Kentucky Department of Education's Division of Next-Generation Professionals, in partnership with the newly designated MSIP Advisory Council, nominated these three principals for participation:

- **Alvin Lee Garrison, Jr., principal of John Hardin High, Hardin County**  
Garrison has been principal of John Hardin High for the past six years. He also served in the role of principal, assistant principal and social studies teacher. Garrison has completed his university program and holds the Professional Certificate for Instructional Leadership-School Superintendent.
- **Georgia Lee Hampton, principal of Indian Trail Elementary, Jefferson County**  
Hampton has served 14 years as a school administrator in elementary, middle and high schools. She also has taught mathematics and science at the middle school level. Hampton's work experience outside education include public relations, and she served in the U.S. Air Force.
- **Shervita L. West-Jordan, principal of Brandeis Math, Science and Technology Elementary, Jefferson County**  
West has been in the education field for 16 years. She has been an elementary school teacher and serves as vice-president of the Jefferson County Association of Elementary School Principals. West is enrolled in the Superintendent Certification Program through Eastern Kentucky University and is set to complete the program this December.

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The MSIP provides underrepresented members of ethnic minority groups with actual hands-on experiences as district leaders. The three interns will begin the newly revised, two-year MSIP program in mid-November.

During this first year, they will continue in their current administrative assignments within their home districts and participate in the Kentucky Association of School Administrators' (KASA's) Next Generation Superintendent Intern Leadership Series for 2012-13. The second year will be a Mentoring Partnership where the intern will actually step into the role of a superintendent. The intern will be matched with a highly qualified and highly effective district superintendent and will complete the second year of the KASA Next Generation Superintendent Intern Leadership Series.

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